



2022 ANNUAL REPORT

**FAUQUIER COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE**



MISSION STATEMENT



"The Fauquier County Sheriff's Office is committed to providing quality service to our citizens and community through honor, professionalism, commitment, compassion and accountability."

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A Message From Sheriff Falls

Dear Fauquier County Residents,

I am pleased to share with you the **2022 Annual Report**, which recaps news from each Division of the Sheriff's Office, contains statistics from the year and highlights the year in general.

The year 2022 began with my swearing in last January, at which time I promised to be transparent, visible and accountable as your Sheriff. On the following pages you will see a snapshot of many of the Sheriff's Office activities, as well as our Deputies at work.

One of our major highlights of the year was to receive re-accreditation from the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission (VLEPSC) in September. Every aspect of the agency, from top to bottom, was thoroughly scrutinized by a team of assessors, who studied files, interviewed employees, inspected equipment, checked out the technology and examined every aspect of your Sheriff's Office over a period of several days.

The assessors found that all sworn and civilian personnel were professional, knowledgeable, well-trained, well-informed and in compliance with FCSO policies. Assessors examined the fleet of vehicles, participated in ride-a-longs with Deputies and thoroughly reviewed 191 required standards.

In summation, the visiting team reported, "The Fauquier County Sheriff's Office, under the leadership of Sheriff Jeremy Falls, is committed to the idea of professionalism and it was exhibited by his agency and his personnel. It is also committed to its service to the community, and to the standards of accreditation."

I want to give credit to and thank our amazing staff of law enforcement personnel and civilian staff for the unselfishness and hard work they do every day in protecting our community. And, to the Fauquier community, a big thank you for your support and kindness throughout the year. We see your cooperative support and generosity every day.

It has been a privilege serving as your appointed Sheriff the past year and I want to thank you for duly electing me on November 8, 2022, to fill the unexpired term of the former Sheriff so we can continue keeping the Fauquier community safe.

I hope you enjoy reviewing the following pages, which re-cap the year's events. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need to make an appointment to see me or if you have any questions.

Happy New Year and stay safe, Fauquier!
#StaySafeFauquier

Sheriff Jeremy A. Falls

RE-ACCREDITATION

The Fauquier County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) holds an accreditation certification through the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission (VLEPSC). In September 2022, our agency achieved re-accreditation.

The Sheriff's Office was first accredited in 2018 and is one of 101 state accredited agencies in Virginia. The FCSO undergoes re-accreditation every four years and must submit annual reports indicating continued compliance with accreditation standards.

In May 2022, a team of three assessors from VLEPSC spent four days at the Sheriff's Office thoroughly reviewing 191 standards and over 700 individual proofs of compliance provided by the Sheriff's Office for those standards. The standards cover all aspects of the agency including patrol, administration, court security, civil process, criminal investigations, special operation functions, and budget. The Sheriff's Office had no waivers on the 191 standards required by the commission.

It was noted in the VLEPSC report that the efficiency and effectiveness of the Fauquier County Sheriff's Office is a testament to the great teamwork being done every day by the men and women of the FCSO.

After receiving the second Certificate of Accreditation, Sheriff Falls said, "This Administration is committed to the highest degree of professionalism to the community, as is evidenced by the Re-accreditation of the Fauquier County Sheriff's Office by the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission (VLEPSC). Having achieved Re-accreditation, by undergoing VLEPSC's thorough and rigorous process, reiterates the fact that we conduct business with transparency and accountability. As such, the pillars of the Sheriff's Office under my leadership continue to be Integrity, Compassion, Collaboration and Professionalism."



IN MEMORIAM

Sergeant Charles Ebert Murray, Jr.

End of Watch: July 9, 1990

Sergeant Charles Murray was killed when his unmarked patrol car was struck by an Amtrak passenger train at an ungated crossing on Eustace Rd. He was en route to serve a warrant at the time of the crash. Sergeant Murray served with the Fauquier County Sheriff's Office for 10 years. He was survived by his wife, parents, and sister.



Deputy Sheriff John Henry Walter

End of Watch: July 5, 1972

Deputy Sheriff John Walter was killed in an automobile accident while en route to Richmond, VA. The deputy who was driving attempted to pass a vehicle on Route 17 and struck another vehicle head-on, killing Deputy Walter. The deputy's vision was obstructed at the time due to heavy rain.

Sergeant John Holcombe Woodson

End of Watch: July 5, 1972

Sergeant John Woodson was shot and killed in Catlett, VA as he and another railroad detective approached a man to question him about rail thefts. The man produced a .22 caliber handgun and opened fire. One of the shots struck Sergeant Woodson in the neck, mortally wounding him.

Sergeant Woodson served with the Southern Railroad Police Department for 31 years. He was survived by his wife.



In valor there is hope

Officer Down Memorial Page

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Fauquier County Sheriff's Office places importance on community outreach and involvement throughout the year. The following photos are snippets of events and daily occurrences in which deputies work to be a part of the community and continue to make a positive impact.



Under the direction of Master Deputy Sheriff Joey Pezzuto, the Sheriff's Office hosted a blood drive in August 2022. The blood drive was a huge success and donated 34 units of blood.



FCSO took part in the annual National Night Out event last summer and extends thanks to all who participated in and/or sponsored this event to make it a success.



It is quite common to see the FCSO Bike Team out and about in the community, teaching children about bike safety.



The FCSO challenged the Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Management (DFREM) to a charity softball game in October. The "Bravest vs. Finest" game enjoyed a huge turnout and the FCSO is grateful to all who supported the game and/or who donated.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS

The **Patrol Division** protects and serves the citizens of Fauquier County 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. These deputies are often the most visible to the public as they handle incoming calls for service and proactively police the community. Their efforts greatly contribute to the mission of the Sheriff's Office. The Patrol Division also has an Animal Control Unit, K9 Unit, and School Resource Officer (SRO) section that supplement specialized staffing needs.

The main responsibilities of the Patrol Division include (but are not limited to):

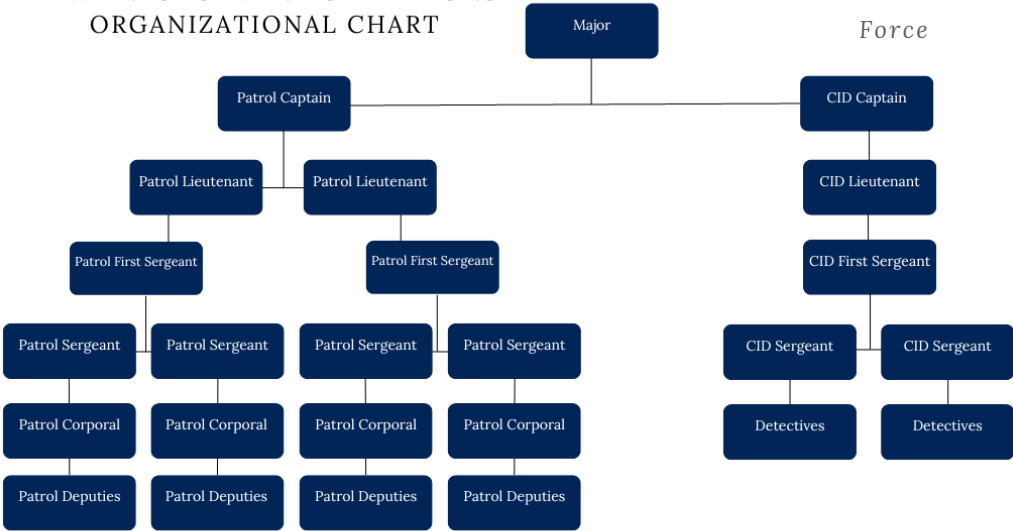
- Responding to and investigating crimes, both in progress and past-occurrence
- Responding to suspicious incidents
- Processing and securing crime scenes
- Traffic/speed enforcement and control
- DUI enforcement
- Investigating traffic crashes
- Mental health crises

The **Criminal Investigations Division (CID)** is responsible for investigating major crimes, specializing in violent crimes, crimes against persons/children, property crimes, homicides, fire investigations, serious misdemeanor crimes and any other offenses as needed. CID provides investigative support and guidance to other divisions within the agency, as well as, to partner agencies. In 2022, detectives investigated **738** cases.

CID maintains a working partnership with multiple state, federal, and local task force entities that target specific crimes including:

- FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force
- FBI Safe Streets Task Force
- Homeland Security Investigations Violent Crime and Public Safety Task Force
- Virginia State Police Blue Ridge Narcotics and Gang Task Force
- NOVA/DC Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force
- Secret Service Electronic Crimes Task Force

LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS

2022 STATISTICS

- 25,449 Premises Checks
- 322 Domestic Calls
- 395 Felony Arrests
- 986 Misdemeanor Arrests
- 8,846 Summonses Issued
- 280 Mental Health Crises
 - 95 Emergency Custody Orders (ECOs)
 - 32 Temporary Detention Orders (TDOs)

*Of the 79,529 calls for service in the 2022 calendar year, patrol deputies responded to 280 Mental Health Crises. 95 of these mental health calls were Emergency Custody Orders. Deputies averaged 14 hours and 33 minutes on each ECO involving the Fauquier E.R.

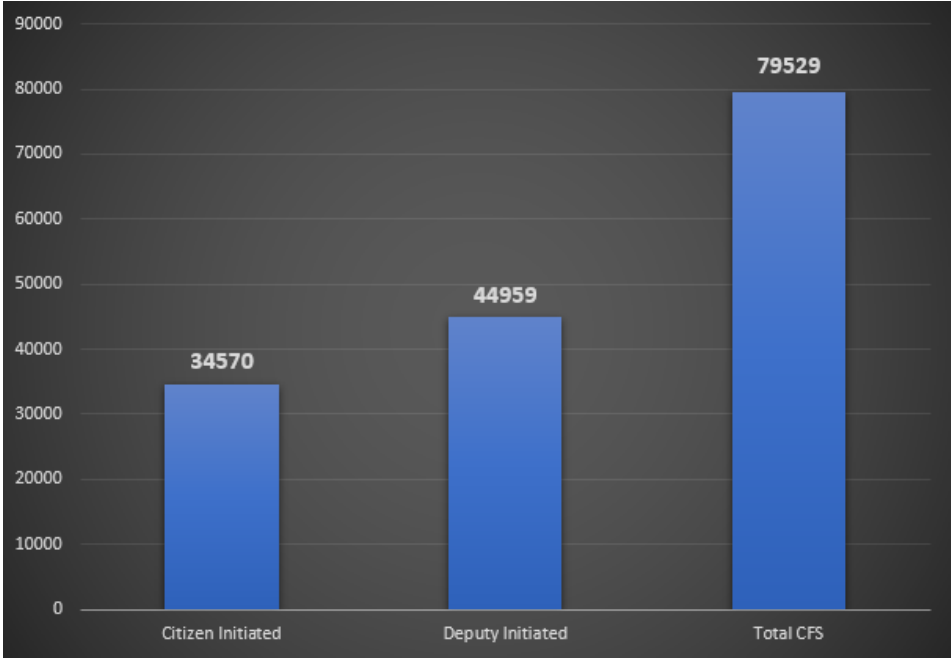
2022 TRAFFIC DATA

- 12,108 Traffic Stops
- 2,023 Traffic Enforcement Monitoring/Radar (TEAM Assignments)
- 193 DUI/DUI-D Arrests
- 46 Seatbelt Violations
- 1,088 Traffic Crashes
- 21 Fatal Traffic Crashes
- 206 CMV (Truck) Inspections
- 261 Reckless Driving Summonses
- 39 Hands-Free Violations

For continuous traffic updates, road conditions and crash data for Fauquier County, please follow the Virginia Traffic Information app or site <https://www.511virginia.org/>

LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS

2022 CALLS FOR SERVICE



The Fauquier County Sheriff's Office utilizes the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS). NIBRS captures details on each single crime incident, as well as on separate offenses within the same incident, including information on victims, known offenders, relationships between victims and offenders, arrestees, and property involved in crimes. The eight index crimes included are: homicide, forcible rape, robbery, burglary, aggravated assault, larceny, motor vehicle theft and arson.

2022	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson
Total	1	9	2	28	22	220	16	4

JUDICIAL OPERATIONS

The **Civil Process/Courts Security Division (CP/CS)** handles the execution and service of legal documents, warrant services, fugitive apprehension and extraditions. In addition, deputies assigned to this division maintain the security and operations of the three courthouses in Fauquier County.



The **Adult Detention Center (ADC)** is responsible for the safe and secure housing of all individuals incarcerated by the Fauquier County Courts. During the 2022 calendar year, the ADC booked 1440 individuals.

Court Security and Civil Process Statistics:

- 111,459 security screenings for the 3 courthouses
- 830 supervised inmate movements for court appearances
- 9988 civil process services
- 21 extraditions
- 1031 concealed weapons permits processed
- 846 protective orders entered
- 569 arrest warrants entered



JUDICIAL OPERATIONS

The **Transportation Unit** is another significant component of Judicial Operations. Deputies assigned to this unit are responsible for the safe transport of incarcerated individuals being moved to different detention facilities or for court appearances in other jurisdictions within the state of Virginia.

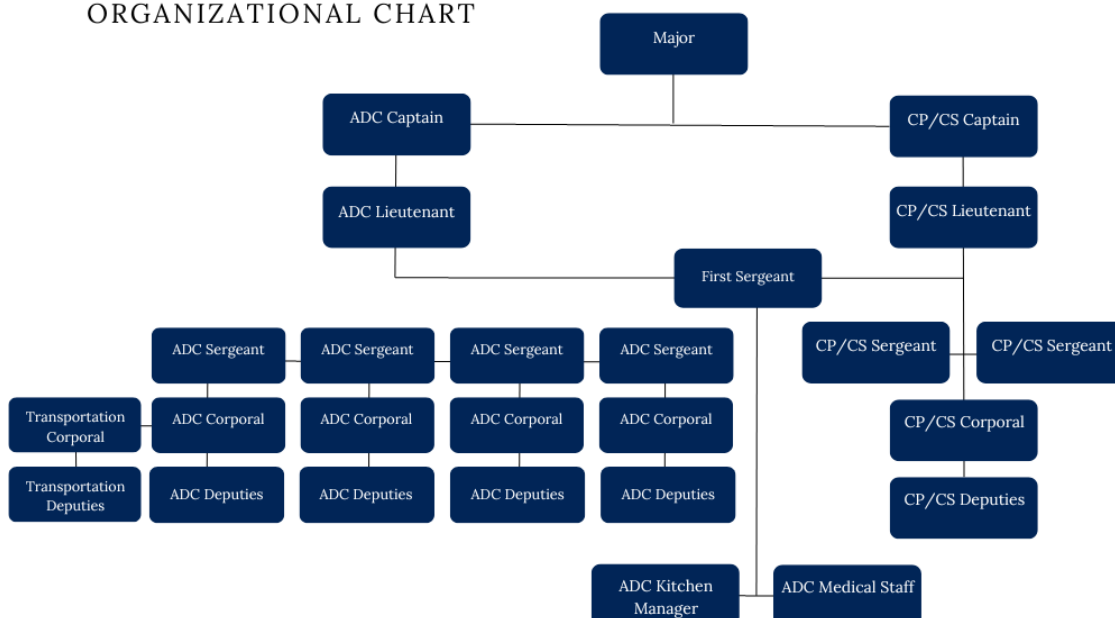
In 2022, the Transportation Unit handled 4,839 transports and 30 Temporary Detention Order Transports.



The ADC also provides and facilitates numerous inmate programs including:

- Home incarceration
- Work release
- Inmate work force
- Narcotics Anonymous
- Alcoholics Anonymous
- Church
- GED
- CSB
- Celebrate Recovery- substance abuse counseling

JUDICIAL OPERATIONS ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

There are multiple functions of the Sheriff's Office that make up the administrative operations, including: budget/accounting, records, property and evidence, accreditation, training, hiring and public information. The majority of these functions fall under the **Professional Standards Division**.

While diverse, these duties are essential in the day-to-day operations of the Sheriff's Office and are significant in ensuring compliance with Incident Based Reporting (IBR), Virginia Criminal Information Network (VCIN) entry validations, records retention and destruction with the Virginia Public Records Act, FOIA requests, Virginia State Police Monthly submissions and more.

In addition, Evidence Technicians are responsible for the chain of custody of all pieces of physical evidence to include submission to laboratory for analysis, introduction at court hearings and destruction/ultimate disposition.

For personnel matters, they are responsible for tracking job application standing, generating Personnel Action Notifications for new hires, promotions, and transfers, and for ensuring that the Sheriff's Office coordinates with Human Resources and Information Technology Divisions.

For FY2022 (July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022), the Sheriff's Office budget was \$22,113,008.



The Sheriff's Office investigates *all* external and internal complaints. Complaint allegations fall into five categories, including Customer Service, Vehicle Operations, Use of Force, Perceived Bias and Other Internal Policy Infractions.

In 2022, there were no sustained Use of Force or Perceived Bias complaints.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

Public safety telecommunicators are a vital part of public safety. The **Communications Division** is responsible for receiving and processing emergency and non-emergency calls, and dispatching for the Fauquier County Sheriff's Office (FCSO), Fauquier County Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Management (DFREM), Warrenton Police Department (WPD) and Remington Police Department (RPD). Telecommunicators are trained to provide pre-arrival instructions while dispatching the appropriate resources to any type of emergency situation.

In addition to the above functions, this division also assists Virginia State Police, Probation and Parole, Juvenile Intake, Community Services Board and Social Services. Telecommunicators monitor internet exchange sites and have the ability to update social media outlets regarding road closures and conditions. Many of the telecommunicators are members of specialty units, including the Crisis Negotiations Team, Peer Support Team and the Unmanned Aircraft System Team.



In 2022, the division handled 96,875 total calls. This number includes 9-1-1 calls, non-emergency calls, and text to 9-1-1 calls

2022 Calls for Service	
FCSO	79,529
DFREM	10,801
WPD	16,927
Other	3,218

**Other: includes Remington Police Department, Virginia State Police and/or no agency.*

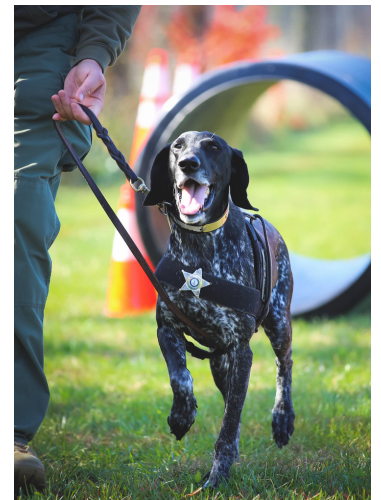
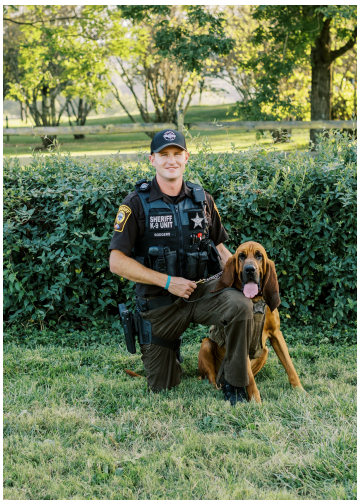
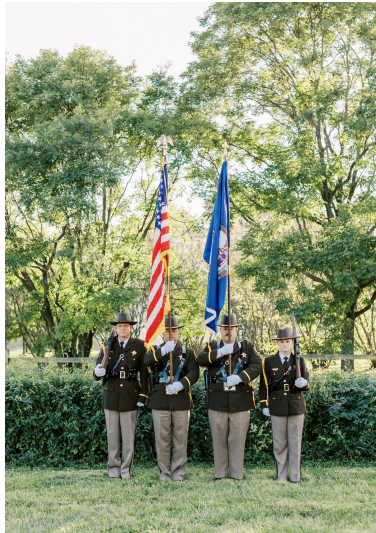


TRAINING & SPECIALTY UNITS

The Fauquier County Sheriff's Office is committed to continuous training for all employees. For example, in addition to the training requirements set forth by the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), the Sheriff's Office holds extra qualifications for firearms for all sworn personnel. This commitment to training allows deputies to pursue specialty certifications and areas of expertise within law enforcement.

There are several specialty units/teams that augment the mission of the Sheriff's Office. These include the Bike Team, Civil Disturbance Unit (CDU), Crisis Negotiations Team (CNT), Honor Guard, K-9 Unit, Motor Carrier Safety Investigators, Peer Team, Sheriff's Emergency Response Team (SERT), and the Unmanned Aircraft System Team (UAS). Deputies undergo specific and continuous training to participate in these specialties.

The Sheriff's Office fosters an environment for emerging leaders. Many deputies and civilian staff members have enrolled and/or completed in the Institute for Credible Leadership (ICLD) Program, as well as the Great to Magnus Leadership Workshop through the National Command and Staff College. Programs like these allow all staff members opportunities to increase their leadership capacity within their careers.



ACHIEVEMENTS & RECOGNITIONS



Captain Jason Romero (Lead Detective), Chief Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Jamey Cook, and Senior Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Charles Peters received the first annual Virginia Homicide Investigators Association Award for their work in the homicide case of Du Chil Park.

Detective Bobby Lewis graduated from the Virginia Department of Forensic Science Academy. Detective Lewis completed the rigorous 10-week course of the 107th Session and now becomes the fourth Forensic Science Academy Graduate working full-time at the Sheriff's Office.



Public Safety Telecommunications Supervisor Tracy Werner was recognized by the Rappahannock EMS Council on July 27, 2022, as Outstanding EMS Telecommunication Dispatcher for her contributions to EMS in Telecommunications.



The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9835 presented the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award to Domestic Violence Resource Specialist Michele Arft for her exceptional service to victims of domestic violence in Fauquier County and elsewhere.



Public safety telecommunicator Nikia Mason-Sandwell was recognized by Virginia APCO for Outstanding Performance of an Individual in a Critical Incident.



2022 TRENDS



Of particular concern in 2022 was the prevalence of scam activity.

These scams came in the form of spam email and telephone calls. Amongst these scams, fake deputy sheriffs and others were purported to be seeking money and gift cards in exchange for settling arrest warrants, jury duty summonses, and/or to facilitate bond for a family member arrested in an out-of- state jail. The Fauquier County Sheriff's Office took 339 reports of such cases and shared public service addresses dedicated to the prevention of these types of frauds. **Citizens are reminded that no legitimate government representative will seek your private identifying information over the telephone, nor will they accept payment for any circumstance using gift cards.**



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